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Subject: More reporter questions on Lowerline removal

Hi Greg, we got more questions from another reporter. For #1, can we just say how the site was referred to EPA? For #3, obviously we can't speak for other agencies; I think we can say how large the area was first assumed to be versus how large it ended up. For #4, we should probably refer the reporter to the city.

1) When did the Department of Energy first inform you of its discovery of radioactive materials in Gert Town, and what did the DOE recommend be done at that time? Has DOE been involved in the follow-up, planning and/or remediation of the site since then, or has DOE basically dropped out of the picture?

2) Are there any plans to do a follow-up evaluation of the site now that the remediation work is complete, and if so, what are those plans?

3) Were the involved agencies and entities — EPA, LDEQ, City of NOLA, etc. — caught off guard and surprised by the unexpectedly large extent, amount and depth of the radioactive materials found at the Gert Town site?

4) There has been a lawsuit filed by residents of Gert Town asserting that the city and other government agencies failed to adequately notify and protect the citizenry from danger in this case. Does the EPA have any comment on the lawsuit, amor have comments in general regarding public dissatisfaction with how this situation was handle?